

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Kyoichi SASAKI, et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/521,205
Filed	:	January 12, 2005
For	:	COMPONENT FOR CONNECTING OPTICAL FIBERS, OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTION STRUCTURE, AND OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTION METHOD
Examiner	:	Hoang Q. Tran
Group Art Unit	:	2874

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 22, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2008, please reconsider the present application in light of the following amendments and comments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.